 d⁵. Crown brown, sinciput and nape extensively blue d⁴. Fore-neck and breast pure grey, with the edges of the feathers
with the edges of the feathers whitish
c". Sides of the body and thighs yellow. 10. hypoxantha.
d". Sides of the body not yellow 11. egregia, p. 221. 12. calliptera, p. 221. 13. melanwa, p. 222. 14. souancei, p. 223. 15. berlespehi, p. 224. 16. rupicola, p. 224. 17. molinæ, p. 225. 18. devillei, p. 226. 19. perlata, p. 227. 20. rhodogaster, p. 229.
d'. With no distinct pectoral bars; ear- coverts red
Turin, Zoological Museum, June 1900.

XLIII.—Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. LXXIII. (July 3rd, 1900).

The seventy-second Meeting of the Club was held at the Restaurant Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, on Wednesday, the 20th of June, 1900. *Chairman*: P. L. Sclater, F.R.S. Twenty-two Members and five guests were present.

Mr. H. F. WITHERBY exhibited a male specimen of Caprimulgus eximius procured by him on the White Nile near Khartoum, in May 1900. So far as was known, this was the fifth example of this bird that had been procured. Three examples were obtained in 1823 or 1824 by Hey, Rüppell's collector, probably near the White Nile. Two of these were now at Frankfurt and one at Leyden (see Hartert, Ibis, 1892,

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p. 279). A fourth, in the Hon. Walter Rothschild's collection at Tring, was procured by Schimper and Baron von Müller, and was labelled "Nubia" (see Hartert, 'Novitates Zoologicæ,' vol. i. p. 3).

Mr. T. Parken made some observations on the abundance of bird-life noticed by him in the Southern Oceans.

The following was the list of birds obtained during a day's shooting in a calm on December 2nd, 1890, in the Cape Seas, when on a voyage to Australia in the clipper ship 'Sobraon,' South Atlantic Ocean, lat. 39° 51' S., long. 8° 49' E.

- *7 Wandering Albatrosses (Diomedea exulans).
 - 2 Black-eyebrowed Albatrosses (D. melunophrys).
 - 6 Culminated Albatrosses (Thalassogeron culminatus).
 - 1 Yellow-nosed Albatross (T. chlororhynchus).
 - 1 Great Grev Petrel (Priofinus cinereus).
 - 1 Silver-grey Petrel (Priocellu glacialoides).
 - 1 Great Black Petrel (Mujaqueus æquinoctialis).
 - 1 Brown Petrel (Estrelata incerta)?
 - 2 Soft-plumaged Petrels (Estrelata mollis).
 - 2 Yellow-webbed Storm-Petrels (Wilson's) (Oceanites oceanicus).
 - 2 Black-billed Storm-Petrels (Cymodroma melanogaster).
 - 1 White-billed Storm-Petrel (C. grallaria).
- 6 Dove like Prions (Prion desolutus).

Mr. W. P. PYCRAFT gave a brief summary of the results of his recent investigations in the Morphology of the Ratitæ, and suggested a new basis of classification for this group. Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe and the Hon. Walter Rothschild took part in the discussion which followed.

Mr. W. R. OGILVIE GRANT sent a description of a new species of Stone-Pheasant collected by Lord Delamere in

* The Wandering Albatrosses were all *D. exulans*, and, so far as my memory goes, none of them could come under the head of *D. regia.*—T. P.

British East Africa. The species was named after Lady Delamere:—

PTILOPACHYS FLORENTIÆ, Sp. n.

Closely allied to *P. fuscus*, but distinguished by having the plumage altogether darker, the black markings, especially on the underparts of the body, being much coarser. The mantle and upper back are devoid of the broad chestnut shaft-streaks characteristic of *P. fuscus*; on the sides of the breast, belly, and flanks the wide chestnut middles to the feathers are much reduced, and the sides of the feathers are strongly barred with black and white. Iris brown; bill and legs dull red. Total length about 10 inches, wing 4·7, tail 3·6, tarsus 1·15.

Hab. Gessema, British East Africa.

XLIV.—Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.

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103. Adams on the Birds of Western Rajputana.

[The Western Rajputana States, a Medico-topographical and General Account of Marwar, Sirohi, and Jaisalmir. By Lieut.-Col. Archibald Adams. London, 1899. 1 vol. 8vo.]

This is a statistical account of the three above-mentioned Rajputana States of Western India, embellished by numerous illustrations and apparently well put together. The list of birds, which is compiled from the writings of Butler, Hume, and Marshall, contains little, if anything, original, except a few introductory remarks. The well-known health-resort of Mount Abu, which comes within the limits of the work, attracts many species which would otherwise leave the country during the breeding-scason. Here the Indian Cuckoo calls from May to August, and bird-life is abundant.

104. Arrigoni degli Oddi on rare Birds in Italy.

[L'Aquila rapax (Temm.) ed il Buteo desertorum (Daud.) per la prima volta osservati in Italia. Per Prof. Ettore Arrigoni degli Oddi. 'Avicula,' iii. fasc. 21–22.]

The author records the recent addition of these two